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(*d*) whether the Government are prepared to take steps not to give room to such complaint by employing proper teachers when female teachers are now available?

A.—(*a*) There are eight elementary schools of which one is of the higher elementary grade; seven are maintained by the Municipal Council and one by the C.S. Mission. There is no secondary school.

(*b*) The Government are not maintaining any girls' school at Chidambaram at present. The hon. Member presumably refers to the late Government girls' school transferred to the management of the Municipal Council, Chidambaram, in 1923. There are eight standards in the school and all the teachers are trained except the music mistress. There is only one male teacher who is the headmaster; his age is 56 and he has passed the 7th standard and is the holder of a Trained Teachers' Certificate of the special upper primary grade.

(*c*) It is reported that no such complaint has been received.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Revision of the pay of Assistant Professors.

* 238 *Q.*—Mr. T. Sundara Rao Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any action has been taken to improve the conditions of Assistant Professors in the Educational Department since Sir M. Krishnan Nayar moved a resolution in the matter in March 1927;

(*b*) whether at present, as many as 80 per cent of the cadre are drawing a salary of Rs. 170 and less in the scale of Rs. 125—5—175—7½—250, including several who have put in 10 to 15 years' service; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to improve their pay?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 91.

(*b*) & (*c*) No.

Fisheries

Recruitment of petty yard officers.

* 239 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rules governing recruitment to the Subordinate Fisheries Service contemplate direct recruitment in the case of petty yard officers;

(*b*) whether the applicants should have worked in a fish-curing yard, before appointment;

(*c*) whether peons working in the fish-curing yards are eligible for appointment on promotion as petty yard officers;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether there is a sufficient number of peons competent to fill the posts of petty yard officers;

(*e*) whether the Government have made any provision for training in the fish-curing yards for candidates applying for the posts of petty yard officers; and

(*f*) whether the Government are intending to convert the Tanur Research Station as a training institute for petty yard officers and other members of the Fisheries Subordinate Service?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, if they satisfy the qualifications prescribed.

(*d*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) There is no such intention at present, though occasionally some subordinate officers are given training in the station.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know from the hon. Minister, with reference to clause (*e*) of the question, whether the Government have at any time considered the question of making provision for the training in the fish-curing yards of candidates applying for the posts of petty yard officers?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say off-hand; but if the hon. Member gives me notice, I shall enquire into the question."

Local Boards and Municipal Councils

Preparation of voters' lists for elections to local bodies.

*240 *Q.*—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken towards the preparation of voters' lists and the allocation of seats reserved for minority communities and women under the District Municipalities Act and the Local Boards Act as recently amended?

A.—Draft rules prescribing the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards as the authority to prepare the electoral rolls of municipal councils and local boards have been issued and they will be confirmed in due course. Municipal councils, panchayats which were lately union boards, and karnams have been asked to prepare preliminary rolls urgently and to submit them to the Inspector for final elaboration and scrutiny. It is proposed to give the Inspector the staff necessary to enable him to do the work expeditiously, the cost being recovered from the local bodies concerned. Proposals have been called for from municipal councils and district and taluk boards and panchayats which were lately union boards, regarding the reservation of seats for particular communities and for women.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister what is the time that is allotted for the preparation and completion of the electoral rolls?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I cannot say what time they will take."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know for how long the staff has been sanctioned by Government?"